



**256<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR)**

**Report**

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*ECO Secretariat*

## Report

The 256<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting was held on September 14, 2021 under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmet Gurbanov, Ambassador of **Turkmenistan** to the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Permanent Representative to ECO. The Meeting was attended by the Permanent Representatives of Islamic Republic of **Afghanistan**, Islamic Republic of **Iran**, Republic of **Kazakhstan**, **Kyrgyz Republic** and Republic of **Uzbekistan** as well as Representatives of Republic of **Azerbaijan**, Islamic Republic of **Pakistan**, Republic of **Tajikistan** and Republic of **Turkey**. The ECO Secretary General and the relevant staff of the Secretariat also attended the Meeting. List of participants is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

2. **H.E. Mr. Ahmet Gurbanov, the Chairman**, while welcoming the distinguished participants, congratulated the new ECO Secretary General H.E. Mr. Khusrav Noziri for his appointment and welcomed him to his first session of CPR. He extended best wishes to the Secretary General for the success of his new assignment, expecting him to come up with some fresh initiatives and proposals during discussions in the future meetings of CPR. The Chair also welcomed the new Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic to Iran as well as country's Permanent Representative to ECO, H.E. Mr. Turdakun Sydykov and felicitated him for his fresh responsibilities. He also conveyed best wishes to the Ambassador for achieving success to meet his tasks.

3. **The Permanent Representatives as well as Representatives of the Member States** also extended their congratulations to the Secretary General for assumption of his new responsibilities, conveying best wishes for his success to meet the assignments. They also expressed pleasure over the appointment of new Kyrgyz Ambassador H.E. Ambassador Turdakun Sydykov, welcoming and felicitating him to join the Council.

4. **H.E. Mr. Khusrav Noziri** thanked the Chair and the Permanent Representatives as well as Representatives for expressing their kind words of felicitations and well-wishes over his assumption of responsibilities as the new ECO Secretary General.

5. The ECO Secretary General also expressed his pleasure to join the Council in his first and inaugural session of CPR, considering this to be a matter of great honour and privilege for him. He conveyed his thoughtfulness for the ECO as a very significant and vital regional economic forum and acknowledged the importance of the Organization not only due to its shared agenda of prosperity, progress, socioeconomic wellbeing and development of the Member States, but also in consideration of ECO's essential role for the expansion of inter-regional cooperation and developing nexus with the international community which is aimed at making greater collaborative interactions. Bearing in mind the post-COVID regional and global working conditions and environment, he believed the role of ECO was increased manifolds. Relevantly, he hoped that the joint efforts by Secretariat and the Member States would certainly enable the Organization to counter any such challenges inflicted by the ongoing pandemic.

6. The Secretary General also recalled the excellent role and contribution of his predecessor H.E. Dr. Hadi Soleimanpour for developing the agenda of the Organization. He extended his earnest gratitude to Dr. Soleimanpour for his enthusiasm and devoted efforts as well as much needed and relevant initiatives to make the ECO a more productive and result-based regional economic forum. In addition, he thanked the outgoing ECO Deputy Secretary General Mr. Kanan Nazarov for his valued services rendered to the Organization. He also acknowledged the kind support and guidance of CPR to help attain the ECO's developmental goals and achieve some very important tasks and targets of the Organization that prominently included the successful completion of an overdue Reform Process and Scale of Assessments, as well as the increased sense of ownership and partnership amongst all Member States. Copy of his statement is attached as **Annexure-II**.

### **Agenda Item No.1**

#### Adoption of the Agenda

7. The **Council** adopted the following Agenda of the 256<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting:

- 1) Adoption of the Draft Agenda of the 256<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting
- 2) Adoption of the Draft Report of the 255<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting
- 3) Preparation for the 15<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit, preceeded by 25<sup>th</sup> COM (*continued*)
- 4) Follow-up and mid-term review of ECO Vision 2025 (*continued*)
- 5) Administrative matters:
  - Renewal of tenure of Deputy Secretary General (Admin, EME, IR, IT)
  - Recommendations of the Selection Panel
- 6) Any other business
- 7) Date of the next CPR Meeting

### **Agenda Item No.2**

#### Adoption of the draft Report of the 255<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting

8. The **Council adopted** the draft report of the 255<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting circulated to the Member States vide Secretariats' Note Verbale No. CFU/CPR/255<sup>th</sup> Meeting /2021/816 dated August 5, 2021.

### **Agenda Item No.3**

#### Preparation for the 15<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit, preceded by 25<sup>th</sup> COM (*continued*)

9. The **Chair** recalled that a Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) was established by 255<sup>th</sup> CPR to facilitate the preparation of necessary agenda, programme and make the required coordination for ensuring successful organization of 15<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit to be preceded by 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of Ministers (COM) planned for the last week of November 2021 in Ashgabat. He informed that the PrepCom held its first session on September 05, 2021 and considered the draft agenda(s) of the 25<sup>th</sup> COM and 15<sup>th</sup> Summit, of which report has already been circulated amongst the Member States.

10. The Permanent Representative of **Kyrgyz Republic** expressed his gratitude to all participants of the Council for their kind words of felicitations and welcoming remarks. Considering the importance of next Summit and COM in Ashgabat, he mentioned that the draft agenda(s) of these high-level events were under consideration in their Capital. He further informed that the Kyrgyz Embassy in Tehran would soon nominate a representative to deal with all ECO affairs.

11. The Representative of **Turkmenistan**, while conveying the receipt of Summit's programme from their Ministry of Foreign Affairs, recalled that the Member States were requested by Turkmenistan side to provide some information in regard to the matters of organizational and protocol nature. He requested an early provision of the same for ensuring necessary arrangements, in this regard, at appropriate level.

12. The **Chair** emphasized that due to the importance of Summit, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan through direct communication with the Member States sought the necessary information for ensuring efficient and adequate protocol, technical and administrative arrangements of this high-level event.

13. The **ECO Secretary General** informed that the Secretariat received a letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan through their embassy in Tehran, which was accordingly circulated amongst the Embassies of Member States in Tehran vide Secretariat's Note Verbale No. CFU/15<sup>th</sup> Summit/2021/993 dated September 13, 2021.

14. The Permanent Representative of the Republic of **Uzbekistan** suggested that the host authorities might approach the Embassies of the Member States in Ashgabat to secure their prompt responses on the required information.

15. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Iran** appreciated the Turkmenistan's authorities to initiate the process for organizing the next ECO Summit in Ashgabat. He informed that the honourable President of the Islamic Republic of Iran would participate in the event, assuring an early provision of the requested information from Iranian side. He further inquired the selection procedure for ECO Awards as well as the mode of participation by winners of such awards in the Summit either physically or virtually. He also sought clarification in regard to the organization of Summit's sideline events.

16. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Iran** underscored that this would be a more important Summit in special consideration of the conditions developed regionally and globally due to the outbreak of COVID-19, as well as the situation recently developed in Afghanistan. He emphasized that the event should be able to secure some specific outcomes and action-oriented decisions by our Heads of State/Government, as well as mandate in favour of their relevant authorities. Referring to the Draft Ashgabat Declaration, he stressed that this important document should not be developed in a traditional way. He added that some concrete actions were required to be reflected in this declaration aimed at achieving fruitful results keeping the pandemic's impacts in view. He also proposed the change in the title of the document, making it

“Ashgabat Agreement for Actions” or Ashgabat Consensus for Actions” instead of “Ashgabat Declaration”.

17. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Iran** assured that they would provide their written suggestions soon, in this regard, before the next meeting of PrepCom. Regarding treaty events and considering the expansion of the scope of membership/owner-ship by all Member States, he suggested the Member States to consider the joining of some agreements and institutions. As regards developing situation in Afghanistan and considering the importance of the country in ECO, he stressed to explore the ways and means to help ensure the process of development and progress in Afghanistan at the ECO forum.

18. The Permanent Representative of the Republic of **Kazakhstan** stated that such high-level events entail two main aspects. One is about the protocol and the other relate to the contents of the event’s outcomes. He said that the information on protocol aspects of the event, as requested by the host side, would be provided by the participating countries in due course, adding that the source of the receipt of this information doesn’t matter whether received through ECO or the Embassies of the Member States in Ashgabat.

19. The Permanent Representative of the Republic of **Kazakhstan** appreciated the proposal made by his Iranian counterpart concerning the contents of the Draft Ashgabat Declaration. However, he reminded that there was a limited time left due to the imminence of the Summit, noting it difficult to create or draft a fresh Declaration. To this end, he requested Iran to come up with their proposal as soon as possible. Concerning the situation in Afghanistan, he noted that the issue was not included in the agenda of the meeting. Nevertheless, he considered that due to the importance of the matter the same might be discussed under the agenda item for any other business. Referring the restrictions made by Turkmenistan as regards provision of vaccination certificates, he requested the host authorities to provide list of vaccines which are approved and acceptable to them.

20. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Afghanistan** requested the discussion on Afghanistan’s level of participation in the Summit before deliberation on other suggestions/proposals relating to Afghanistan.

21. The Representative of the Republic of **Turkey** informed that they had already received Turkmenistan’s letter regarding data/information for organization and protocol issues of the Summit through their Turkey’s Embassy in Ashgabat, adding that the required information would be conveyed to the host authorities at the earliest. With regard to the outcome of the Summit and amendments/modification in the Draft Ashgabat Declaration, he informed that the amendments proposed by Turkey in the zero draft were already conveyed and circulated amongst the Member States. Furthermore, he considered that due to paucity of time, it was not feasible to change the Draft Ashgabat Declaration into another document at this stage as proposed by Iran. However, he conveyed Turkey’s flexibility for any modification or expansion in the text

of the zero draft based on the mutual understanding. He also requested other Member States to expedite the provision of their inputs/comments in this regard.

22. The **Chair** thanked all the participants for their contributions and stated that the protocol issues would be settled synchronically and successfully through Embassies of the Member States as well as the ECO Secretariat. As regards Draft Ashgabat Declaration, he mentioned that it was under consideration and would be finalized with the coherent contributions/logical inputs of the Member States. Noting that that this Summit will be very special event due to post-pandemic conditions and current circumstances in Afghanistan, he said that it was very peculiar situation for making the reasonable decisions, particularly defining that who would represent Afghanistan in the Summit. The Chair informed that so far no invitation was sent to Afghanistan as the host authorities were waiting for the clarity of situation. However, he stated that participation of Afghanistan was essential and the issue would be solved jointly. To avoid gathering many people for the sake of prevention of COVID infections, the decision on ECO Award ceremony and sidelines events of the Summit are pending. However, some events will be held virtually, he added. Furthermore, he requested the Member States to provide their inputs/contributions to solve all such issues, as early as possible, and invited them for their active participation in the next session of PrepCom scheduled for September 19, 2021.

23. **Deputy Secretary General** (Admin, EME, IR and IT) informed that at this stage the Secretariat is still receiving the nominations from the Member States for ECO Awards. According to the modalities of ECO Award, the winners will receive their awards during the Summit. To this end, the host authorities may extend the invitations to the winners of awards on finalization of their names by the Selection Committee/Board.

24. The Representative of the Republic of **Turkey** recalled that the ECO Awards Ceremony was also included in the programme of 14<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit, but due to on-line format of event the event couldn't take place. He mentioned that some Member States conveyed their nominations for ECO Awards two years before. However, names of the award winners could not be finalized since the meeting of Selection Committee was not held during that time. He said that Secretariat's request for seeking nominees in last two months prior to the upcoming Summit put pressure on the relevant authorities of Member States as it was difficult to find nominees for such awards in the limited time. He proposed the adoption of deadline method for such nominations in future. Moreover, he emphasized to change the modalities for these awards, including setting up a single deadline to this end. He added that if a Member State was unable to convey its nomination (s) within the set deadline, it would lose the right of nomination. He emphasized that matter regarding modalities might be discussed at some latter stage. He also questioned the composition of Selection Committee either to be comprised of representatives of the embassies or experts to be nominated by the Member States.

25. As to the question raised on the selection of winners of ECO Award, the **Legal Adviser** brought to the attention of the Council the procedures set forth in the modalities

for ECO Award approved at 8<sup>th</sup> COM in 1998. It was noted that selection of candidates takes place by the Selection Committee of Award comprised of authorized experts from Member States. But irrespective of this based on the experience gained, the meeting of the Committee is held by the presence of representatives from Embassies in Tehran. He clarified that the Selection Committee meets biennially based on the invitation that is sent by the Secretariat. He continued that the Committee based on the consultation at its meeting(s) will submit the name of the selected candidates to CPR for its consideration and inclusion in the agenda of COM and the awards are granted at the ceremony during Summit Meeting. It was added that the award in each field is US \$ 7500/- alongwith a medallion.

26. The **Head of Section for International Relations** informed that the Secretariat had conveyed four deadlines and September 15, 2021 was the last deadline to receive nominations by the Member States for ECO Awards. Additionally, he explained that the nominations from Afghanistan, Kyrgyz Republic and Pakistan were awaited. If the Council decides no further extension in such deadline, the Secretariat should initiate the process for holding meeting of the Selection Committee. With a view to securing nominations from all the Member States, he proposed extension in the deadline for receiving nominations from the remaining Member States.

27. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Iran** emphasized the need to change the modalities for future ECO Awards. He proposed to do it through the ECO Specialized Agencies in every single area and discipline which should create an environment of competition amongst the individuals nominated by the Member States. To this end, the decisions should be based on quality, merit and research work of the nominees, he stressed.

28. The Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Pakistan** seconded the views of Iran that any such change in modalities for ECO Award was not introducible at this latter stage. He said that the modalities should be modified to generate a sense of competition and not to give any impression that it was just a segment of awards to be evenly distributed among all the Member States. He proposed the extension of deadline till the first week of October 2021, in order to provide sufficient time to the Member States for conveying nominations in this regard.

29. The Permanent Representative of **Kyrgyz Republic also** requested to extend the deadline for submission of nominations, adding that their nomination could not be received due to some technical issues.

30. Considering the views/comments of the Member States, the **Council** accepted the proposal for extension in deadline till the first week of October 2021, and requested the remaining Member States to expedite the submission of their nomination (s) for ECO Awards for consideration of the Selection Committee.

#### **Agenda Item No.4**

Follow-up and mid-term review of ECO Vision 2025 (continued)

31. Recalling that a High Level Committee (HLC) was established with a view to following-up the outcomes of the 14<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit and mid-term review of the ECO Vision 2025, the **Chair** requested the Co-Chair of HLC to brief the Council on the development in the matter.

32. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Iran** being HLC's Co-Chair reported that as per assigned task the committee was still working on the important document (zero draft report) and it would be circulated amongst the Member States for securing their feedbacks within two weeks' time-frame, expectedly by the end of September 2021. On receipt of feedbacks/inputs, the HLC will finalize the report in October, 2021 for submission to the SOM/COM through CPR. Furthermore, he informed that the Committee received some ideas from the Member States and meanwhile the ECO Secretariat also prepared a document regarding rotation of the post of ECO Secretary General which relates to issue under consideration. He expected that during the Summit preparatory process some ideas would be developed and inserted in the review documents of the Vision.

33. The **Council** appreciated the efforts made by the HLC for preparation of draft report and desired that the HLC might circulate the said report amongst the Member States by the end of September 2021.

#### **Agenda Item No.5**

##### Administrative matters:

##### - Renewal of tenure of Deputy Secretary General (Admin, EME, IR, IT)

34. The **Chair** drew attention of the Council towards a Note Verbale dated August 22, 2021 received from the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey regarding renewal of service tenure of Ambassador Huseyin Avni Bicakli (Turkish national), the incumbent Deputy Secretary General (Admin, EME, IR and IT) with effect from November 1, 2021, which was circulated amongst the Member States vide Secretariat Note Verbale dated August 25, 2021.

35. The Permanent Representative of Republic of **Kazakhstan**, while acknowledging the extensive diplomatic experience and abilities of Ambassador Huseyin Avni Bicakli, fully supported the Republic of Turkey's request for renewal of his tenure of service as Deputy Secretary General (Admin, EME, IR and IT).

36. The Permanent Representative of the **Kyrgyz Republic** expressed their no objection for renewal of the tenure of Ambassador Huseyin Avni Bicakli as Deputy Secretary General (Admin, EME, IR and IT).

37. The Permanent Representative of the Republic of **Uzbekistan** also expressed their support to renew the tenure of Ambassador Huseyin Avni Bicakli as Deputy Secretary General (Admin, EME, IR and IT).



38. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Iran**, while recalling the appearance of an issue at the first-time nomination of Ambassador Bicakli against the post of Deputy Secretary General for Administration, EME, IR and IT, noted that his re-appointment might entail similar difficulty. Referring a tacit agreement between Iran and Turkey, the Permanent Representative of Iran informed that he tried to approach the honourable Ambassador of Turkey to discuss the issue informally, but this could not be done so far. In addition, he said that the matter was under consideration with the relevant Iranian authorities and their response is still awaited.

39. The Representative of the Republic of **Turkey** expressed his gratitude to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan for supporting Turkey's request for renewal of tenure of their incumbent Deputy Secretary General. Reacting to the views of the Permanent Representative of Iran, he pointed out that this was not a matter of fresh nomination, but the renewal of tenure of their incumbent Deputy Secretary General. He appeared surprised over the comments of Iranian Permanent Representative and his request to delay the matter, adding that any intended informal discussion on the issue should have been made before the meeting of CPR as their Ambassador is not anywhere else but in Tehran. Emphasizing that all the Member States had enough time to look into the matter as the case was circulated well in time, he sought the basis of Iran's stance for delaying the matter as well as some details in regard to the cited tacit agreement.

40. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Iran** stressed that he did not want to go into any further detail at this stage as to avoid any unwanted impression on the issue. He repeated that there was a tacit agreement between Iran and Turkey on the first appointment of Turkey's incumbent Deputy Secretary General without any understanding as regards renewal of his tenure. Hence, there was a need of making informal discussion with country's Ambassador before the next Meeting of CPR, he said and requested the Council to defer discussion in the matter for next Meeting of CPR.

41. The Representative of the Republic of **Turkey** discouraged any methods of approaching the Embassy when the issue was already before CPR. He said that it would be a matter of pleasure for them if they were consulted before coming to this meeting of CPR. He underscored that the matter was required to be discussed in the CPR as an example of cooperation and coordination amongst the Member States, noting that a last-minute surprise would always harm fundamental spirit of such cooperation. However, he conveyed their readiness to make informal discussion on the issue with Iran.

42. Looking into the views/comments of the delegates, the **Council** deferred the agenda item for its next meeting.

- Recommendations of Selection Panel

43. No issue was discussed under this sub-agenda item.

**Agenda Item No.6**  
Any other business

## ECO-UN Cooperation Resolution adopted by 75<sup>th</sup> UNGA Session

44. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Iran** while extending felicitations to the Chair and the Member States for adoption of resolution regarding ECO-UN Cooperation recently by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) with consensus appreciated the efforts made by the representatives of Turkmenistan and ECO Member States in the United Nations. He proposed the circulation of the ECO-UN Cooperation resolution among the Member States and requested to task the Secretariat to develop roadmap for implementation of the operative part of the said resolution.

45. The **Chair** while mentioning that the unanimous adoption of resolution regarding cooperation between ECO and UN in the 75<sup>th</sup> UNGA Session is common success/achievement of all Member States. He said that adoption of this resolution appeared to highlight the significance of ECO for UN. He underscored that the said resolution covers the multiple areas of cooperation between ECO and UN which provides a roadmap for enhancing the existing level of cooperation between ECO and UN.

### ECO-ASEAN

46. The Permanent Representative of the Republic of **Kazakhstan** sought latest updates regarding joint meeting between the Tehran-based permanent representatives of ECO and ASEAN, which was proposed about two months ago.

47. The **Deputy Secretary General** (Admin, EME, IR and IT) briefed that as per decision of the 254<sup>th</sup> meeting of CPR in June 2021, the ECO Secretariat coordinated with the ASEAN Ambassadors through the then Chairman of ASEAN Tehran Committee (ATC). The Chairman of the ATC welcomed the idea of arranging such brainstorming session and it was decided that the Consultative Meeting of Ambassadors of ASEAN and ECO would be organized on the side-lines of the 255<sup>th</sup> ECO-CPR. However, in July 2021 due to the change of ATC's Chairmanship, ATC requested the ECO Secretariat to postpone the meeting. Meanwhile, they sent our proposals to ASEAN Secretariat for further consideration. The response is awaited.

48. The **Chair** concluded that the said meeting between the ECO-ASEAN Ambassadors which has not yet taken place is pending due to technical/administrative reasons on ASEAN's part. However, he expected that the process for holding this meeting would revive at a later stage.

### Secretary General's participation in Non-ECO Events

49. **H.E. ECO Secretary General** brought to the kind attention of the Council about some non-ECO events for which he was invited, including:

- i. 20<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Meeting of the Heads of State of the Shangai Cooperation Organization on September 16-17, 2021 in Dushanbe;

- ii. 12<sup>th</sup> Transport and Communication Forum will be organized on October 6-8, 2021 in Istanbul;
- iii. 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) on October 11-12, 2021 in Nur-Sultan; and
- iv. The Presidential Elections of the Republic of Uzbekistan on October 24, 2021.

50. The Secretary General underlined that the first three events were of great importance, not only because they are being held in the ECO Member States, but also due to their agendas of discussions which are aimed to boost regional cooperation and integration that also involves the areas of ECO activities and appeal the Organization's interest. Moreover, due to significance of Uzbekistan being an important central Asian Member of the organization, high-level ECO representation in the country's Presidential elections is fairly justified, he added. He clarified that ECO Secretariat is required to bear the cost of return airfare and applicable DA for first three events whereas; participation in the Presidential Elections of Uzbekistanis is fully funded and sponsored by the host authorities. He requested the Council's consideration in this regard.

51. The **Council** looked into all aspects of discussions and views expressed by the participants regarding level of invitation, observance of modalities, rules/regulations and prioritization of such events based on the interest of the organization. It further noted that since these events would be organized in the Member States, the participation of new Secretary General seems to be important and justified that would make him introduced to the leadership of Member countries.

52. Moreover, in consideration of the fact that H.E. Mr. Khusrav Noziri has recently assumed the responsibilities as ECO Secretary General and with a view to making him acquainted with the regional leadership, the **Council** considered and approved the participation of Secretary General in all the above events as an exceptional case.

### **Agenda Item No.7**

#### Date of the next CPR Meeting

53. The next (256<sup>th</sup>) CPR Meeting will be held on October 18, 2021.

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- H.E. Mr. Turdakun Sydykov, Ambassador
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### **The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan:**

- Mr. Mian Azmat Farooq, First Secretary

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